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A monthly round-up of ecological and other direct action from around Britain
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Diggers, dams & damage

A report on the campaign to halt peat extraction at Thorne and Hatfield Moors.

Following a successful trespass on Hatfield Moor on 25th August (where around 30 people spent the day filling drainage ditches to conserve the wetness of the remaining peat), an action camp ran from 28th August until 1st September. This is a summary of actions taken, as reported to us.

Wednesday 28th August

En route to the camp a group stopped at Hatfield Moor and filled ditches for the afternoon. However, recent rain and previous ditch filling meant much of the moor was flooded and we had problems finding any. This is a great success as a flooded moor prevents both peat decomposition and Scotts' ability to get machines on the moor to extract peat.

Thursday 29th August

In the morning we visited two supermarkets and a garden centre. Covering all peat products and peat-grown produce with stickers, we were quickly spotted by security, and some of us earned a lifetime ban from Homebase.

In the afternoon we visited Crowle Moors, just north of Hatfield. We joined a local campaigner who is trying to protect Crowle Moors from illegal peat extraction and flytipping. Parts of Crowle Moors were bought from Levington's in 1992 by English Nature and given to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust as a nature reserve. The Trust hasn't stopped illegal peat extraction, and doesn't seem concerned that a local family, the Crows, have mined rented land without extraction rights, mined a kilometre long strip of Wildlife Trust land, and built their house on squatted English Nature land. However, WE minded. So we stopped peat extraction work and climbed on their machinery. A stand-off ensued until they promised to remove their machines if we left, and as it was gone five we did.

Friday 30th August

We travelled to Cumbria to visit L & P Peat, who mine Solway Moss for Humax compost, used for mushroom growing. The government wants to submit Solway Moss for Special Area of Conservation status to Europe. However L & P have threatened to take the government to judicial review if they do, preventing other peat sites being submitted. So…

A group of five visited their Carlisle office to find info and demand they stop mining Solway Moss, and withdraw their planning application to expand their works, and their threat of judicial review. Unfortunately no-one was in any office alone long enough to obtain info and the group was met with violence by an office worker when they started looking through filing cabinets. The police arrived within minutes and arrested the five to prevent a breach of the peace.

A much larger group visited Solway Moss with the intention of stopping work. They were also met with threats of violence, but managed to lock the gates shut, lose keys, and decided to leave, treating the action as a warning shot and recce.

Saturday August 31st

One group went to Hatfield Peat Works with the intention of stopping work. Due to rain and bank holiday they weren't processing peat and were repairing machines. During a quick run round the site there was damage to bags of fertiliser supplies, keys were lost, liquid metal was poured over control panels, peat bags were slashed and bits of metal dropped into piles of peat (which sets off alarms when they're processed, stopping it until they have find them). After this they decided to make a quick getaway. We found out later that some paperwork

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The philosophy behind Earth First! is the use of non-hierarchical organisation and direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants. It is not a cohesive group or campaign rather a convenient banner for those interested in these ideas.

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Prisoner Support

A large number of **South Africans** – many of them from the landless movement and from former apartheid-era liberation armies - were arrested in the run-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. For information contact pvh@wfeet.za.net or see http://southafrica.indymedia.org or www.antieviction.org.za

Iñaki Garcia Koch has now completed one year in prison, after being arrested in June 2001. During this time he has been held under the special F.I.E.S category of prisoner, this being the category applied to prisoners who are supposedly linked to armed groups. Recently he has been re-classified as a 'normal' prisoner after applications from his lawyer. Iñaki Garcia Koch, Carcel de Iruña, C/San Roque s/n, 31011 Iruña, Euskal Herria (Spanish State)

Callum Currie,Michael Davison Malachi Nicholls and Howard Oakes have all been released on the tag after being sentenced to 9 months for affray after joining in a counter-protest against a fascist demo in Leeds.

New additions to the list:

Madeline Buckler HR4338, HMP & YOI Bullwood Hall, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4TE, England. 1 year for burglary at Roche, a company connected with HLS.

Sarah Gisborne HR4337/**Kate Simpson** GN8957, HMP Highpoint, Straddishall, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 9YG, England. 1 year for burglary at Roche.

Ahmed Meguini, n°d'écrou 25 375, 6 Rue Engelman, BP 035, 67 035 STRASBOURG cedex 2, France. 8 months for his role in an anti-racist "No Borders" demo.

Yves Peirat, n°d'écrou 5591, Centre de Détention de Salon, bat.A, Route Nationale 113, 13300 Salon de Provence, France. 5 years for anti-fascist arson attacks against the neo-nazi Front National.

Rev. Steve Kelly SJ, #00816-111, FCI, POB 7000, Ft. Dix, NJ 08640, USA (14 months) for Ploughshares direct disarmament

UK

Wayne Heaton, an anti-fascist activist, has been sentenced to 18 months for violent disorder during the Burnley riots last summer. Wayne Heaton - GK 7292, Wing G1 8, H.M. Prison, 2 Ribblestone Lane, Preston PR1 5AB.

John Bowden, long time prison resister involved in Strangeways Uprising in 1990, currently residing at Her Majesty's pleasure in HMP Bristol, 19 Cambridge Road, Bristol, BS 7 8PS.

Neil Bartlett, FW7083, HMP The Verne, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1EQ, England. Four years for making bomb-hoax telephone calls to animal & earth abusers.

Rae Newlands, GN6613, HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5DF, England. 4½ years for aggravated harassment of HLS shareholders.

Dave Blenkinsop EM7899, HMP Bullingdon, Oxfordshire OX6 0PZ England. 3 years for attacking the Managing Director of HLS. Also serving 18 months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier.

Europe

Dr. Yurl Bandazhevsky, Ul. Kalvarijskaya 36, PO Box 35K, Minsk 220600, Belarus. 8 years for revealing the true extent of nuclear radiation levels around Chernobyl.

Geert Waegemans, Begijnestraat 42 2000 Antwerp, Belgium. Serving 4 years for an attempted arson. Awaiting sentencing for 4 more arsons.

Grigory Pasko, SIZO Institution IZ-25/1, Partizanskyj Prospekt 28-b, 690106 Vladivostok, Russia. Eco-journalist serving 4 years for exposing the Russian Navy dumping nuclear waste in the Pacific Ocean.

A 22 year old man from Stockholm recieved a 5 year sentence from the **EU-summit in Gothenburg 2001.** Letters of support can be sent to: Man jailed for 5 years c/o Solidarity Group GBG c/o Syndikalistiskt forum Box 7267 SE-402 35 Gothenburg SWEDEN or: solidaritetsgruppen@hotmail.com

International

Samar Alami and **Jawad Botmeh,** wrongfully convicted of conspiracy in relation to the bombings of the Israeli Embassy and Balfour House in London in 1994. Both have been sentenced to an extraordinary twenty years in prison. *For info: www.freesaj.org.uk/*

American SHAC prisoner, Benjamin Persky #1410212600 George Vierno Ctr. 0909 Hazen Street East Elmhurst, NY 11370, USA. or lettersforbenjamin@hotmail.com. Facing 2-6 years for his involvement in SHAC campaigns.

Black Panther and anti-jail prisoners, inside for over 30 years: **Albert Woodfox** #72148, CCR Upper B Cell 13, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712 USA and **Herman Wallace** #76759, Camp J, Cuda 2/Left #13, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712

Ted Kaczynski (04475-046), US Pen - admin Max Facility, PO Box 8500, Florence Colorado 81226, USA. Multiple life sentences for the infamous 'Unabomber' bombing & murder campaign, carried out against symbols of technology.

Craig Marshall, #13797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd, Ontario, OR 97914 USA. 5 years 5 months for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of incendiary devices, having used the devices to destroy SUV's to raise attention to the environmentally destructive nature of these vehicles.

Fran Thompson (93341), 1107 Recharge Rd., York NE 68467, USA. An eco-activist serving Life for shooting dead, in self-defence, a stalker who had broken into her home.

Helen Woodson, 03231-045 FMC Carswell, POB 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA. Serving a total of 27 years for three separate actions. 1) robbing a federal reserve bank of $26,000 before torching the money to denounce the materialism that causes environmental destruction. 2) mailing warning letters with bullets affixed to Government and corporate officials. 3) carrying out a Ploughshares direct disarmament against a Minuteman II missile silo.

Mordechai Vanunu, Ashkelon prison, Ashkelon, Israel. 18 years for telling world media about Israel's nuclear capabilities.

Eric Wildcat Hall, #BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745 Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002, USA. 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American indigenous activists.

MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group. There are currently eight MOVE activists in prison each serving 100 years after been framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998. **Debbie Simms Africa** (006307), **Janet Holloway Africa** (006308) and **Janine Philips Africa** (006309) all at: SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, USA. **Michael Davis Africa** (AM4973) and **Charles Simms Africa** (AM4975) both at SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA. **Edward Goodman Africa** (AM4974), SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200, USA. **William Philips Africa** (AM4984) and **Delbert Orr Africa** (AM4985) both at SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612, USA.

Mumia Abu Jamal (AM8335), SCI Greene, 175 Progress Drive, Waynesburg PA 15370, USA. In 1981 Mumia, was framed for the murder of a cop. Currently awaiting re-sentencing after having his death penalty revoked.

Writing to prisoners

For more info on prisoners in need of support, and tips on writing to prisoners if you're new to it, email: earthlibprisoner @mail.com or animalearth liberation@bigfoot.com, go to www.**spiritoffreedom**.org.uk or write to: **ELP** c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Ave, Leeds, LS7 or, for a hard copy of the bulletin, ELP Newsletter, BM Box 2407, London WC1N 3XX.

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was removed from the offices.

Another group went to Crowle Moor, stopping at the Crow family peatworks. Tyres were let down, valves broken, and a digger damaged. They then played around on the moor, stopping work for the rest of the day and filling ditches.

Sunday 1st September

A group visited Tickhill garden centre near Doncaster, which sells shed-loads of peat and where the manager had previously been arsey with protesters. Every area of the centre was stickered and flyers were placed on all windscreens in the car park and handed out to customers.

Overall, the week was a massive success and gave a big boost to the peat campaign.

For more info on resistance to peat extraction
Visit ww.peatalert.org.uk, contact peat alert c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB or email: info@peatalert.org.uk
More info from
www.peatalert.org.uk or on info@peatalert.org.uk

Just leave us, please!

Call for WEEK OF ACTION in solidarity with the people of West Papua: 6th–13th October 2002

West Papua is one of the wildest and most precious places left on the planet. Its indigenous cultures and pristine ecosystems are being systematically destroyed by Indonesia and multinational corporations exploiting its natural and mineral resources. An estimated 300,000 West Papuans have been murdered by Indonesia since 1963. Hundreds are detained, tortured, and imprisoned without trial. Tens of thousands are deprived of their land. Hundreds of thousands of landless Javanese have been moved to West Papua as part of a policy to control, disperse and ultimately destroy the indigenous people of West Papua, who will soon be a minority in their own land. Along with a colonizing power come the plundering multinational corporations who rape and pillage the land without concern for the environment or people. Many of these corporations have British offices, and need to be told that they must stop their crimes now.

OPM resistance!

The people of Papua want freedom from this tyrannical regime and exploitation by multinational corporations. The Free Papua Movement (Organisasi Papua Merderka – OPM) fight with limited resources against this terrorist state. None of these people want to fight. They just want to be left alone.

- **Target companies** involved in these heinous crimes. Contact Solidarity South Pacific (SSP) for addresses.
- **Raise awareness** of the struggle: cover your town in flyposters (found on the SSP website), organise speaker talks (also talk to the SSP crew) etc
- **Raise money** to be sent to West Papua for medical aid for the victims of the Indonesian terrorist state . Bank account details will be published on the SSP website. Raise money for Sem Karoba, a revolutionary tribesman who needs money to continue his campaign. AIB bank account, sort code: 937347, acc: 56935005.
- **Visit West Papua** as a human rights observer, and to exchange information with the people on the ground. For more information, contact SSP.

Useful contacts

South Pacific Solidarity: www.eco-action.org/ssp - contact for information on targets, speaker tours, and visits to West Papua **www.koteka.net** Up-to-date information on the struggles in West Papua. **Official website of the OPM** www.westpapua.net

WAR!

A **Disarm DSEi** working group has been set up to co-ordinate actions against next year's DSEi arms fair in London. The group will not impose guidelines on protests or be involved in police negotiation. However individual groups/blocs can impose guidelines/negotiate with police separately. There will be meetings of the group from September 2002 onwards; for information or to send a representative please contact: DISARM DSEI working group, +44 (0)781 7652029, disarmdsei@soon.com, c/o 11 Goodwin St, London N4 3HQ, UK. Volunteers are also sought to translate the proposal into other languages.

Piss-poor security at the **US Arms Depot at RAF Welford** in Berkshire enabled 3 activists of CIA (Citizens Inspection Agency) Berkshire to infiltrate the site. At the main gate, MoD Police refused to allow investigators entry on grounds of national security, or to entertain arguments that international law supersedes national security where citizens have reasonable suspicion of illegal weapons being stored or in transit, or suspicion that weapons being stored may be illegally used upon civilian populations. "No comment" was the response to questions regarding responsibilities under international law. Welford has been used in the past for storing ten-thousand pound bombs and other weapons destined for the Gulf War conflict and used in the war in former Yugoslavia. Further inspections of the Welford arms depot are planned in future - contact CIA Berkshire - (0118) 946 3650

Websites www.epalestine.com and http://homepage.mac.com/leperous have anti-war posters that can be downloaded and printed out (see right).

The July **Farnborough Air Show**, the main UK event for the aircraft industry, was the focus of several arms trade protests. A priest and two other radical Catholics were arrested after gatecrashing Jack Straw's dinner party chanting "thou shalt not kill". Local activists would like to see future protests include the issue of climate change. More info on the campaign against the show on www.corporatewatch.org.uk and http://bvej.freewebsites.com/news0027.htm

Shorts

There is a new **Schnews** book available at £8.50 for issues 301-350 of SchNEWS plus 200 pages of articles, cartoons, photos, graphics, satire, and a comprehensive contact database. £8.50 from Schnews - details at www.schnews.org.uk

Locals in **Reddish**, near Manchester, are opposing Reddish Vale Golf Club's plan to tip up to **100,000 tonnes of waste** into Reddish Vale. They are looking to make £15-30,000 by allowing 15,000 wagon loads of waste to be dumped on their land over the next 2 ½ years, under a 1965 permit. According to local activists, in the '60's toxins leaked after tipping by a rogue contractor, and the brook is still thought to be poisoned. Contact 07850 787182.

Blatant Incitement Project (BLINC) are holding two days of training in West Yorkshire for people involved or interested, on the 14th/15th November. BLINC puts in touch people who can offer or want things like talks in schools or practical demonstrations of anything on social, environmental or political topics. Saturday 16th will be spent treeplanting/relaxing. We will share travel costs, and some money might be available, so it should be affordable for everyone. Email doinit@nematode.freeserve.co.uk or leave a message with your phone number on 0161 226 6814

Residents in Marple, Stockport sabotaged construction of a **mobile phone mast** in a popular beauty spot. People living nearby only learned of Orange's plans for the 15-meter mast and access road when work commenced, as planning notices were allegedly covered up. The mast was also opposed because of possible health risks from radiation. The road was blocked, forcing contractors to dump tons of concrete into a field before it set solid in the vehicle, a construction vehicle was severely damaged, and regular blockades were held, until the contractors decided they'd had enough and abandoned the site. More details from: Squeezeorangeoutofmarple@hotmail.com

Lancaster, 27th 2002: More than a hundred protesters on skateboards, bikes and feet caused traffic mayhem in Lancaster, when they reclaimed the streets to protest against Chelverton's plans of destruction for Lancaster. Chelverton, a mega construction company backed by Carillion (formerly known as Tarmac) and Richardson Developments, are planning to rip the soul out of Lancaster by building a 63,000square feet super-store, dozens of "large-scale" retail units and a major new road on land between the tranquil Lancaster canal and the city centre. Stop Chelverton! really need to hear from anyone who is fighting against Chelverton elsewhere or knows anything about them.email: stopchelverton@gmx.net www.nephridium.org/lancaster or contact **Lancaster Activist Resource Centre (LaRC)**, The Basement, 78a Penny St, Lancaster

People get ready!

A report from the 2nd European Peoples' Global Action Confernece in the Netherlands.

'There is a hippy living in the parking lot. She made a worshiping place where she organises strange ceremonies. She was also present at the demonstration in Amsterdam where she tried to put little dots of mud on people's foreheads.'

From the daily PGA conference newspaper, 2nd Sep 2002

Come together

Oh yes – over four hundred European activists – from Ireland to Israel and Moscow to Milan – had gathered in the historic city of Leiden for the second European conference of the mighty, mighty network known as Peoples' Global Action (PGA).

During the middle ages the fanatical preacher John of Leiden had turned the city into an extreme Christian commune, burning private property and proclaiming God's Law. That episode ended with an invasion by Dutch troops and wholesale massacre of the inhabitants. The PGA conference made a different kind of history, despite the best efforts of some of the UK contingent (you know who you are).

Leiden is a cathedral city of around 140,000. Home to the elite University of Leiden and it's ultra right-wing student society 'Minerva' and also to the EuroDusnie squatting collective, whose two social centers provided the venues for the conference. EuroDusnie are famous for their pieing actions – a flan in the face to ridicule the people in power. After one of their past targets (anti-immigration politician Pim Fortyun) was assassinated by a gay-hating Christian animal rights activist, their squats were attacked by gangs of fascists.

But from the 30th of August to the 5th of September the city was ours, as groups of eco/anarcho/peacenik/hippies wandered around the cobbled streets, eating ice cream and talking to each other about their projects back home.

And an inspiring set of projects they were! A run-down of the participants shows the diversity and breadth of activities; this is what PGA is all about – not an *organisation* that tries to build itself up, but rather a common space for people who are taking action to talk, share info and co-ordinate their struggles as much or as little as they like.

What is the PGA?

Background, from the PGA website (www.agp.org)

"From the 23rd to the 26th of February of 1998, grassroots movements of all continents met in Geneva to launch a worldwide coordination network of resistance to the global market, a new alliance of struggle and solidarity called 'Peoples' Global Action against 'free' trade and the World Trade Organisation' ('PGA'). That was the birth of this global tool for communication and coordination for all those who fight the destruction of humanity and the planet by capitalism and build local alternatives to globalisation.

The defining documents of the PGA are its five hallmarks, its organisational principles and its manifesto."

The PGA hallmarks are a guide to what kind of activities fall inside PGA and what kind of groups can participate in PGA. For example, many right-wing groups are against 'globalisation', yet PGA is not for them! The hallmarks are:

1. A very clear rejection of capitalism, imperialism and feudalism; all trade agreements, institutions and governments that promote destructive globalisation;
2. We reject all forms and systems of domination and discrimination including, but not limited to, patriarchy, racism and religious fundamentalism of all creeds. We embrace the full dignity of all human beings.
3. A confrontational attitude, since we do not think that lobbying can have a major impact in such biased and undemocratic organisations, in which transnational capital is the only real policy-maker;
4. A call to direct action and civil disobedience, support for social movements' struggles, advocating forms of resistance which maximize respect for life and oppressed peoples' rights, as well as the construction of local alternatives to global capitalism;
5. An organisational philosophy based on decentralisation and autonomy.

About the conference

There have been three Global PGA conferences – in Geneva, Switzerland (1998), in Bangalore, India (1999) and in Cochabamba, Bolivia (2001. An idication of the impact of PGA has been the Global Days of Action called by them, from 1998 to 2001.

So that's where they nicked it from!

This was the second European conference, the first being held in Milan in march 2000. The conference packs that EuroDusnie produced included a list of those groups that had signed up to be participants in the Leiden conference. There were…

Environmental groups – like 'The ecologists of Chios Island', Earth First! (UK) and Groen Friont! (EF! in Holland).
Anti-military groups – like Campaign Against the Arms Trade (UK) and '12th Grade Army Refusers' (Israel).
Free Space/autonomous zone groups – like German, Dutch and French info-shops, co-ops from the UK and Croatia and squatting groups from all over.
Workers' group – like Barcelona CGT (Spain/Catalonia) and Sindikalisterna (Swedish anarcho-syndicalist union).
International Solidarity groups – connecting us with Bangladesh, Colombia, West Papua, Turkey and many more.
Anarchist groups – like A-infos Israel, Croatian Anarchist Federation, Federation Anarchiste (Belgium), 'Nihilist Assault Group' (Norway, and with a cool name!).
Alternative Media and Culture jamming groups – like Indymedia Centres from across Europe, the European Newsreel, Art in Action (Norway), Adbusters groups and the Tactical Media Crew (Italy).

This is just a tantalising *taster*, of course, and the workshops that these groups put on were of an equally broad and interesting quality.

'"What is a boy, what is a girl?" said a sign found on the doors of both the men and women's showers at the campsite. "It's definitions are made up by society and it discriminates against people somewhere in between…Queer Up!…A special commission has now ordered to open a third lavatory, accessible for 'in-betweens' only…According to another source, the use of toilet paper has taken on unsustainably high levels…'

PGA conference newspaper, 3rd Sep

Workshops covered areas such as:
Actions – like the anti-NATO actions in Prague, Nov 2002; anti-WEF actions in Salzburg; anti-DSEi in London, 2003.
Alternatives – like Radical Routes (co-ops in the UK); Recycled Estate, a land co-op in Croatia; Free Zones Europe-wide.
Past actions – like Strasbourg No Border Camp, anti-summit actions of the last two years.
Info-sharing and awareness raising – like the talks on 'Repression in the EU', against activists and refugees; 'Support for undocumented women'; 'The war against Iraq and the US economy'; 'Sustainability and the disappearing computer'; 'A radical history of food'; 'Using cryptography'…

Look, I didn't have time to go to everything, ok? This is just a list that I hope looks cool! And then, of course there were the strategy discussions, about sharing general ideas on things like 'democratic decision making', and the feared 'PGA process' meetings, about how to structure this monster network of ours…

'Naomi Klein has returned from alien abduction! Apparently her return is connected with some witchcraft happening outside in the parking lot. Unfortunately for her lover, the Dutch Crown Prince, Klein has decided to spend the rest of her life in the transgender bathroom with an inhabitant of the planet Wrossjk.'

PGA conference newspaper, 4th Sep

Another interesting initiative discussed in Leiden was the '*European Social Consulta*'; a massive outreach project. Based on events like the Zapatista community consultations and the Barcelona Consluta it will spread out through different 'promoter'

groups, that will recruit new groups and reach out into their local area. See www.consultaeuropa.org or e-mail uri@riseup.net for more info.

The upcoming *European Social Forum* (ESF) in Florence was also discussed at the PGA conference. This huge anti-globalisation meeting follows on from the World Social Forum (WSF) of last year, in Brazil and inspires both hope and a large chunk of suspicion. The main groups involved in organising it are ATTAC, a liberal economic campaigning group, plus big NGOs, trade unions and even political parties! The main mobilisers for the ESF in the UK are the Socialist Workers' Party. All in all, a mixed bunch of people will turn up to the ESF, most of them sincere believers in a better world. Therefore in Leiden an 'autonomous space at the ESF' was planned.

This PGA gathering produced some suggestions for how PGA should be organised. There is already a North American PGA network, with 'hubs' in various regions that act as contact points. The 'PGA process' workshops eventually reached consensus on encouraging the setting up of similar contact points across Europe. These will distribute PGA publicity and help groups to co-ordinate actions by holding regional PGA meetings.

What now?

PGA is an important network, globally, but also at a regional level. Through going to Leiden I met people from the UK and Ireland and heard about communities and struggles that I had never known existed, including many that are not part of the EF! network. There may be a PGA gathering for the UK happening near the start of next year. To find out more, join the UK Peoples' Global Action e-mail discussion list by e-mailing ludred@hotmail.com and saying that you want me to put you on the PGA-UK mailing list. Alternatively, join the European-wide discussion list by e-mailing caravan99@lists.riseup.net
You can also find loads of info at **www.agp.org**.

So far the only local PGA info points I know about are the Radical Dairy (radicaldairy@hotmail.com) in Stoke Newington and LARC (info@londonarc.org) in Whitechapel, both in London. Look out for PGA meetings and events in your area. Hopefully PGA info-points will start sprouting across these islands soon!

"Do you sometimes, after a meeting, feel you have no idea of what was actually said? Are you looking forward to the final plenary with dread? The solution may be the PGA bingo!…Well in time before the meeting fill in the grid of squares from the attached list…Whenever a word in the grid is mentioned during the meeting but NOT BY YOU, you are allowed to cross out that word in your grid. Whenever you have a complete line either horizontally, vertically or diagonally, YOU ARE THE WINNER!…
Suggested keywords:
network, autonomous, decentralised, Chiapas, Argentina, Seattle…"

Conference Newspaper, 4th Sep 2002.

Contacts list October 2002

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are local EF! contacts some are active groups others need more people to get in touch

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PO Box 70, Newport NP10YDS
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Warwick- the old group's folded but someone wants to set up a new one!
Tomgreaves@hotmail.com

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Support Groups & Information Networks

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doinit@nematode.freeserve.co.uk

CAGE Network
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c/o 245 Gladstone Street, Nottingham, NG7 6HX
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Beyond TV - Activist and campaigns resource site
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Up in the air

The British government has published plans for a massive airport expansion programme. They intend to 'consult' on these proposals until 30th Nov. At Manchester, this could mean a 4th terminal by 2015, and possibly a 3rd runway, plus new roads, more pollution, emissions of climate changing gasses and environmental damage. At Heathrow, more than 10,000 homes may be demolished because of a proposed new runway. New coalition AirportWatch (www.airportwatch.org.uk) will attempt to fight local developments such as airport expansions, as well as campaigning on the environmental effects of air travel. Info on the Manchester campaign: **info@airportwatch.org.uk, 020 7248 2223**

Titnore woods campaign

Police in Worthing continue their harassment of people opposed to the destruction of ancient Titnore Woods for a 900-home estate. In their latest over-reaction to the campaign they doorstepped a woman who helps produce local newsletter The Porkbolter. They were interested in a report about plans by protest group Ye Olde Friends of Titnore to deliver in person a letter to the landowner and were eager to be given names of "organisers" so they could "help" them. Previously Worthing police hassled a resident for displaying a "Save Titnore Woods" placard and a group of people leafleting a supermarket carpark were followed by evidence gatherers. Police also tried to intimidate local people away from a protest in May with scare stories about dangerous agitators in a local paper - but 350 people turned up. The Porkbolter is at www.eco-action.org/porkbolter and campaign group Protect Our Woodland! is at www.worthinga27.freeserve.co.uk

New website

The Road Alert website has been created to provide a forum on direct action against the resurrection of the Government road building program. This multi-billion pound decentralised program will put thousands of acres under concrete: www.roadalert.org.uk

Titnore woods demo

Palestine

Olive Harvest: a call to action.

Palestinian and international groups operating in the West Bank are calling for international volunteers between October 12th and November 15th to help with the olive harvest. In much of the West Bank Israeli settlers and soldiers make it dangerous for Palestinian farmers to work on their own land. The olive harvest is one of the most economically important times of the Palestinian agricultural year - particularly true now, at a time when unemployment in the West Bank has officially reached over 60% because the restrictions on movement by Palestinians makes normal activity impossible. Preventing farmers from reaching their land is also a significant way in which Israeli forces occupy Palestinian land for settlements and roadbuilding schemes. Internationals can help by accompanying farmers to allow them to go about their lawful activities on the land they have inhabited for centuries.

Those interested can go via several organisations:

- established affinity groups of 5-10 who can commit to a 2 or 4 week period can contact the International Women's Peace Service house in Hares, Salfit region at iwpsvolunteers@yahoo.com
- individuals or affinity groups, and those going for shorter or less defined periods of time, can contact the **International Solidarity Movement**, www.palsolidarity.org or www.rapprochement.org, info@palsolidarity.org

London: Over 200 people held a demonstration outside Selfridges in London over its sale of products from illegal Israeli settlements in Palestine. They displayed 'Murder Sponsored By Selfridges' banners and handing out thousands of leaflets. Despite a large police presence, small groups entered the store where they blew whistles and shouted to disrupt business. Other groups put up stickers, detonated stink bombs and scattered "blood money." One group was dragged out after being recognised by security guards who posed as potential action participants at an open planning meeting. **Contact**: Direct Action Against War Now! email: stopselfridges@soon.com, www.daawn.cjb.net

Diary dates

October

8th Public Meeting - **No School Apartheid!** – against the Asylum and Immigration Bill and its effects on children, 6pm. Moses Room. House of Lords, London

11th Banbury **benefit for Simon Jones campaign**, Banbury Cricket Club 7.30pm, 01295 254563 for details

6th demo and actions at Lakenheath **US air force base**, Norfolk. www.lakenheathaction.org

12th **Shut Down Trident** demo, Plymouth Hoe, noon. Call 01752 313781 or 020 7700 2393.

16th worldwide **anti-McDonalds day** - 0845 458 9595 or www.veggies.org.uk

18th **Media Democracy Day** protest against corporate media www.mediademocracyday.org.uk

19th **Anarchist Bookfair**, 10-7, Camden Centre, Euston Road, London, www.anarchistbookfair.org

20th **rally against nuclear power**, European Parliament, Strasbourg. email sdarou@gmx.de (English, French or German), www.sortirdenucleaire.org

20-27th **One World Week**. see local areas for details

sometime, in Jordan: gathering to find regional **solutions to climate change** in the Middle East. medclimatesummit@yahoo.com

November

1st **Fox Hunt** season begins, Hunt Sabs 01273 622827

7-10th **European Social Forum** the European Social Forum in Florence, Italy. See www.fse-esf.org <http://www.fse-esf.org/ for details

10th **anniversary** of the murder of **Ken Saro-Wiwa**. Actions planned, contact mosopgb@aol.com

21st-22nd **NATO summit**, Prague, Czech Republic

23rd/24th **Women Speak Out gathering**, Manchester/Salford area. wsomanchester@bellow.org.uk

29th **Buy Nothing Day**. www.fanclubbers.org

December

7th-9th **Tywford+10** re-union, St Catherines Hill, Winchester - camping in Winter.

10th **International Animal Rights Day** - contact Uncaged Campaigns, 0114 272 2220 or info@uncaged.co.uk

12-13th **EU Summit**, Copenhagen, Denmark. See www.aseed.net or www.agp.org

Ongoing

Women's Anarchist Nuisance Cafe. Radical Dairy, London: 07759 924604, every other Wednesday

QUEER CAFE- Every Thursday, 7-11pm @ the Bonnington Cafe, Vauxhall Grove, SW8.

CAFE RAMALLAH- 8pm @ the London Fields Lido, Hackney E8. Help get people to Palestine in solidarity with struggle against Israeli occupation. emjpal@yahoo.com

CRITICAL MASS- last Friday of month, 6pm @ South Bank, under Waterloo Bridge. 07801 703016 or criticalmass.london@virgin.net

Close Down Campsfield refugee detention centre last Saturday of the month, Oxfordshire. Noon-2pm. 01865 558145 www.CloseCampsfield. org.uk

GM roundup

Contaminated crop trashed

19th August: Fourteen people were arrested for 'criminal damage' and aggravated trespass when a group of fifty met to remove a farmscale trial of GM oilseed rape. This is one of at least 14 unauthorised releases of antibiotic-resistant rape. Up to forty police officers, four vans, six cars, police dogs and a helicopter attended the demonstration that was hastily organised in reaction to Thursday's news that the illegal release had taken place. Those attending included an ex-genetics student, a local organic farmer, a solicitor, a doctor, gardeners, teachers, grandmothers and a local councilor. The blunder by Aventis (now owned by German chemical giant Bayer), resulted in at least 25 of the farmscale trials since 1999 being planted with unapproved seeds containing an antibiotic resistant marker gene. Aventis was informed of the problem in June and decisive action then could have removed the threat before pollination, but they did not inform the government until August. The government announced that it would suspend the planting of the final trials until the purity of the seed could be assured. However, they continue to resist calls to abandon the final phase of the trial.

You've had your chips

On the night of **16/17 June**, a deliberate release of GMO potatoes was destroyed in Dahnsdorf near Berlin. This is the second time this year that plants on the field of the German Biological Federal Authority for Forestry and Agriculture have been destroyed by anti-GE activists. In March there was an action against oilseed rape. This time the work of eleven government-funded research groups is affected by the action.

Cleaning up

15 August: Protesters celebrated a twin victory as the total destruction of two GM trial sites was confirmed. Both of the farmscale GM trials near the Littlemoor estate in Weymouth have been abandoned and the farmer has sprayed herbicide to ensure the complete destruction of any remaining GM. The destruction of the Littlemoor sites is unique - never in one area have two farmscale evaluations been rendered so completely safe by direct action. This results from a summer of action by local people which started on April 25th, when a pink castle was erected on the trial site near Teddy Bear Woods. They aimed to prevent the GM crop from ever being planted. On Tuesday, 7th May, protesters dressed as chickens, plucked GM maize from the trial opposite Somerfields in Littlemoor. The

seeds were bagged up and sent back to Aventis/ Bayer CropScience, the multinational company responsible for the mutant maize. During the action, the chickens staged a 'die-in' to represent the results of an experiment in which twice as many chickens died when fed the GM maize as those that were feed on conventional maize. In recent months, locals made at least six night time visits to the other trial site. Around 85% of the GM plants were pulled up or snapped, leaving the half dozen rows which were killed by the farmer.

International activities

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Colombia

Over 100,000 peasants mobilised against the repressive policies of the government and its complicity with the environmental and human rights abuses imposed by the USA's Plan Colombia. The government has refused to discuss the demands of peasant organisations and on September 17th issued warrants for the 'removal' of 100,000 peasants to their places of origin. Many areas where peasants have mobilised have been attacked by the Colombian army, which has stolen and burnt food and wrecked homes. A number of international activists have also been arrested and deported. For lists of US and European companies with operations in Colombia, see www.coinvertir.org.co.

Amsterdam

August 30-31: environmentalists from GroenFront! have, as a courtesy service, used paintbombs to 'greenwash' outlets of corporations in Amsterdam. GroenFront! is certain these transnational corporations will appreciate the gesture; they surely need some help, as their own 'voluntary action' on behalf of sustainable development hasn't done the job very well. We are proud to present a service record that includes: Jodenbreestraat: AHOLD/Albert Heijn ("EKO Uitverkoop [sellout]"), ABN AMRO ("De Greenwash"), Kalverstraat: Hennes & Mauritz (4x, "Child Labor", "Sexy Sexism"), VENDEX/Vroom en Dreesman, HEMA ("Groene Worst 50% af"), Blokker ("Stop Racism"), Adidas, Mexx, Rabobank, McDonalds ("Veggieburgers 1 euro") , and other corporations.

British Columbia

19th July: To urge the provincial government to maintain the ban on new salmon farms, activists dumped 200 pounds of dead Atlantic salmon in front of the British Columbia legislature. Heavy security prevented another 400 pounds from being dumped. Police arrested two people. Members of FAN and people of the Namgis, Kwi-kwa-sut-enox, Tsa-wa-da-nuq, Songhees, and Heiltsuk First Nations attended in support of the protest. Salmon farms are found along the coast of British Columbia, and a single farm may contain over a million fish. Hundred of tonnes of dead, diseased and other farmed fish waste are dumped on land, while uneaten fish feed, antibiotics, pesticides and raw sewage from fish farms are dumped at sea.

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For anarchists, direct action and solidarity are the means to change the world. Only working class folk being in total control of their own organisations and struggles can create a society based on liberty, equality and solidarity. *REAL* socialism can only be created from the bottom-up, in a federation of directly democratic workplaces and communities. By applying our ideals in the struggle today, we build the world of the future!

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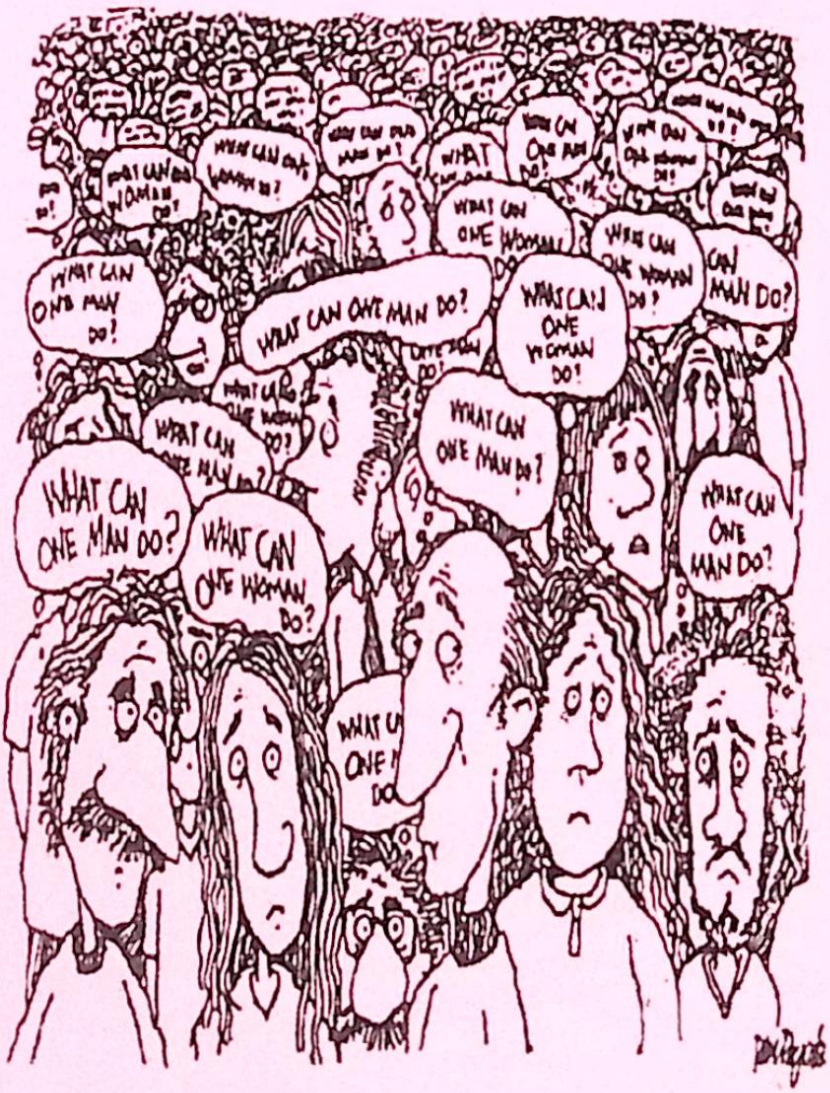

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CITY Aims

♦ **To encourage individuals and groups to work together for social change**, rather than depending upon politicians and corporations. Individually, people who are empowered to work towards social change experience increased self-esteem and confidence. Together, we will be working to build a very different kind of society.

♦ **To provide a forum for people interested in getting directly involved in social and community issues**. This forum will provide a supportive environment in which participants can share information as well as provide and obtain support. The forum will also provide the opportunity for those with shared goals to meet and develop ideas on how to achieve those goals.

As a group, we include individuals who:

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Edinburgh CITY aims to bring people together, exchange information, and build trust and support to facilitate direct action for social and environmental change. We hope to provide a starting point for people who have just moved to Edinburgh or have just become interested in local and global action. We also aim to build links between existing groups and individuals. Ultimately, we hope to encourage more people in Edinburgh to become directly involved in the affairs of their community, region and planet.

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The monthly public forum is open to people interested in getting directly involved in social and community issues. This forum provides a supportive environment in which we can share information and support. The forum also offers an opportunity for those with shared goals to meet and develop ideas on how to achieve those goals.

The monthly meetings begin with brief introductions and announcements from participants. These can include:

- information about meetings or other events
- reasons for coming to Edinburgh CITY
- ideas for new organisations or actions
- thoughts on current events
- experiences of activism
- visions of political possibilities
- asking for advice or information

If you are unable to attend, feel free to send an announcement or leaflet to our contact address. It will be announced at the next meeting.

We then move on to discussion and socialising. Most of the meeting is spent getting to know each other. This is an important part of the forum. We can learn a lot by listening to each other and thinking about other points of view. We also benefit from the support of others that might share some of our interests, our values and our visions.

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by participants for participants.

CITY

Whether you are new to Edinburgh or have lived here all your life; or whether you have experience of organising for change or are interested in finding out more, you are welcome at Edinburgh CITY.

A public forum is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Communication Workers' Union (15 Brunswick street, off London Road).

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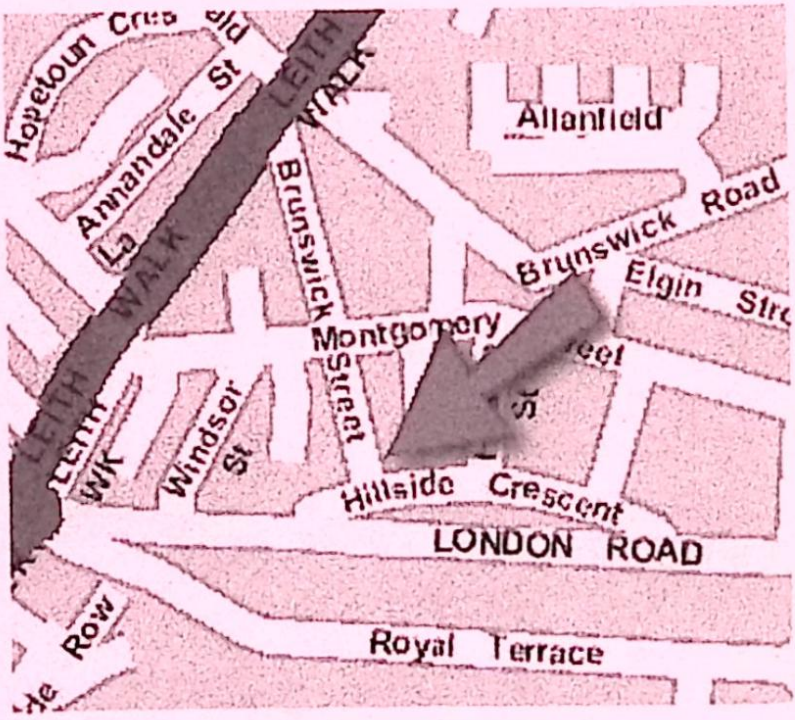

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(Change IT Yourselves)

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We feel that the organisation of our society is fundamentally flawed. This is largely responsible for a wide range of personal, social and ecological problems. The current organisation of society is not natural or necessary, but can be changed through the will and action of its members.

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Noam Chomsky

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